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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH INDIA ON US-SOVIET INDIAN
OCEAN TALKS
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1. AT HIS REQUEST INDIAN EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY RAJAN
CALLED ON PM/DCA OFFICER ARIETTI AND ACDA REP TWOMBLY TO
DISCUSS RESULTS OF THIRD ROUND OF US-SOVIET INDIAN
OCEAN TALKS. RAJAN BEGAN BY NOTING GOI DESIRE TO FULLY
UNDERSTAND THE US POSITION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN TALKS FOR
SEVERAL REASONS, INCLUDING THE NEED TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE
OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF THE DESAI GOVERNMENT FOR BEING TOO
SUPPORTIVE OF THE US ON THIS QUESTION AND TO PREPARE FOR
THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO DELHI WHERE THE ISSUE WOULD BE
DISCUSSED.

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2. RAJAN COMMENTED THAT OPPOSITION MIGHT DRAW UPON RECENT
ARTICLES IN US PRESS (BEING SENT SEPTTEL) THAT SUGGESTED
THAT US WAS LESS ENTHUSIASTIC THAN THE SOVIETS IN SEEKING
REDUCTIONS OF MILITARY FORCES IN THE REGION. HE ALSO NOTED
THAT IN A RECENT PARLIAMENTARY SESSION GOVERNMENT SPOKES-
MAN HAD, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, REITERATED INDIAN

COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLE OF ELIMINATION OF BASES IN THE

INDIAN OCEAN. UNTIL THEN, IN RECENT PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENTS GOI HAD BEEN ABLE TO LIMIT COMMENTS TO SUPPORTING US EFFORTS TO AVOID GREAT POWER RIVALRY IN THE REGION. HE NOTED THAT DIEGO ISSUE, RECENTLY QUIESCENT, WAS EMOTIONAL IN INDIA AND THERE WAS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY IT COULD SURFACE IN THE INDIAN DOMESTIC CONTEXT.

3. ARIETTI REITERATED US DESIRE TO CONSULT WITH INDIA ON THE INDIAN OCEAN QUESTION AND NOTED OUR HOPE FOR SUPPORT OF LITTORAL STATES IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. RAJAN INTERJECTED THAT INDIA WAS PLEASED WITH SCOPE OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH EXCEEDED THAT PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

4. STATE AND ACDA REPS DREW ON TALKING POINTS IN REF A IN DISCUSSING RESULTS OF BERN ROUND OF TALKS. THEY NOTED IN PARTICULAR, THAT US WAS PREPARED TO FOREGO ANY EXPANSION AT DIEGO GARCIA BEYOND THAT CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED. RAJAN COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS HAD STATED THAT THEY SOUGHT PHASED SCHEDULE FOR DISMANTLING DIEGO GARCIA AS PART OF REDUCTIONS OF US AND SOVIET PRESENCE.

5. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF REASONS BEHIND SHIFT IN SOVIET SECRET

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VOTE ON IOZP RESOLUTION, TWOMBLY SPECULATED THAT THIS WAS RELATED TO SOVIET EXPULSION FROM SOMALIA AND DESIRE TO STRESS SOVIET SUPPORT FOR DISMANTLING OF DIEGO GARCIA. RAJAN AGREED WITH THIS HYPOTHESIS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE UNDERTOOK TO INQUIRE IF SOVIETS HAD PROVIDED GOI WITH RATIONALE FOR POSITIVE VOTE ON IOZP. VANCE

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